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IDWR Working to Complete Diversion Inventory in Stanley/Challis Areas

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Staff from the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) will be visiting some irrigation diversions over the next one to two months within Water District No. 170 (the Stanley Basin and Challis area). IDWR Director Karl Dreher created Water District No. 170 in March 2006. The visits will be part of an ongoing effort to inventory and evaluate diversions for controlling works, headgates and measuring devices.

IDWR initiated some diversion site visits in the area last year. The effort during the first half of this year has involved gathering water right data and existing inventory information compiled by other state and federal land use agencies. IDWR plans to complete the inventory in the Stanley Basin this year and the Challis area next year. Good inventory data already exists for those diversions in the existing water districts of Challis, Garden and Morgan Creeks. IDWR staff also plans to make some miscellaneous diversion and stream flow measurements this year in the Stanley Basin. The inventory and field measurements are part of a first phase effort towards implementing measurement and reporting procedures in the water district. You may see IDWR staff in the Stanley Basin this year during August and September.

IDWR will notify landowners regarding the visits and contact owners directly if they need assistance or additional information.

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